

APPENDIX 4(a)

DECISION / OUTCOME	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	DATE	CABINET MEMBER
<p>PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (COVENANT) WITH THE FAITH SECTOR</p> <p>The Executive agreed the recommendation to agree the Partnership Agreement with the Faith Sector.</p>	<p>To consider a new collaborative arrangement with the Council's Faith Sector partners to provide a framework for the growth in joint action to build resilient communities in the years ahead.</p>	<p>EX21/2017</p>	<p>19 June 2017</p>	<p>Councillor Maria Kirkland, Cabinet Member for Leisure Services and Third Sector Engagement</p>
<p>HOME TO SCHOOL DISCRETIONARY FAITH TRANSPORT</p> <p>The Cabinet Secretary agreed the recommendations as outlined namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council funding for the hire of four special Blackpool Transport school buses (services 400, 401, 402, 403) for pupils attending St Marys Catholic Academy ceases from the end of summer term 2017. All pupils requiring a bus service would then be expected to access main Blackpool Transport services. 2. To cease to provide free home to school transport support on the grounds of religion or belief to those that are not statutorily entitled to it. Transitional arrangements are proposed for those pupils that are currently in receipt of discretionary (non-statutory) support. 3. To therefore agree the following arrangements from September 2017 onwards <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) For pupils where there is a statutory requirement, where pupils are aged 11 – 16 	<p>To consider the implementation of proposed changes to the provision of Home to School transport where parents have chosen to send children to a school because they adhere to a particular faith or belief; with particular reference to the arrangements for St Mary's Academy, Blackpool.</p>	<p>PH39/2017</p>	<p>11 July 2017</p>	<p>Councillor Graham Cain, Cabinet Secretary (Resilient Communities)</p>

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<p>years and are eligible for free school meals or where parents are in receipt of maximum working tax credits and living 2 – 15 miles from school a bus pass will be provided to access Blackpool Transport main services. This would apply to approximately 16 pupils.</p> <p>b) Transitional arrangements for those pupils that are already receiving discretionary (non-statutory) support (e.g. those that do not fall into the above category). For these pupils that continue to live more than three miles from school they will continue to receive a bus pass to access Blackpool Transport main services. The bus pass will be provided until the pupil concludes their education or moves to another school if sooner. It is estimated these transitional arrangements will currently apply to approximately 49 pupils. The number eligible for this proposed transitional support will diminish each year as pupils leave school.</p> <p>c) All new applications for support will be considered if there is a statutory entitlement in accordance with a) above.</p> <p>4. To note that there will be the ability to exercise discretion where the new arrangements may result in exceptional hardship to families or children. Parents will be able to make a written submission for consideration in line with the School Transport Policy.</p>				

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<p>EARLY YEARS SERVICE PROVISION</p> <p>The Cabinet Secretary agreed the recommendations as outlined namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Early Years internal service provision is restructured as a result of budget changes and to reflect the changes in funding arrangements and that some non-statutory functions for example preparation and checking for inspections and routine visits will be curtailed. 2. That no financial support from the Council will be provided towards training for providers. 3. To note that work will continue to take place with the Blackpool Safeguarding Children's Board to identify the most effective way for settings to access training in line with the Board's guidance. 4. That the rental of a bespoke training room at Claremont Academy will cease. 5. To note that the promotional pack including first aid material and free insurance issued to potential Childminders will be discontinued and training courses for potential Childminders will be discontinued 6. To note that there will be a reduction in the number of roles within the internal service and that these savings will be achieved through voluntary redundancies. 	To consider the implementation of proposed changes to Blackpool Council's internal Early Years service.	PH41/2017	25 July 2017	Councillor Graham Cain, Cabinet Secretary (Resilient Communities)